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11. (C) Acting DCM delivered reftel demarche to MFA official Radovan Javorcik, whose newly-expanded directorate includes the U.S. and several countries of the Middle East, as well as Afghanistan and Pakistan. Javorcik agreed on the importance of a unified message underscoring international support for Afghanistan, and pledged also to ensure that any public statements by GOS officials help clarify that transition plans are not synonymous with exit plans. Javorcik said he would include the substance of our points in his briefing paper for FM Lajcak's attendance at the London Conference.

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